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In re application of:
Bradly A. JENDERSEE et al.

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For: **STENT DELIVERY AND
DEPLOYMENT METHOD**

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Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: William LEWIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Prior to examining the application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary
Amendment.

In The Claims

Please add the following new claims:

2^o 35. A method of forming a stent delivery system, the method comprising:

providing a delivery catheter having a distal portion;

placing a stent on the delivery catheter distal portion whereby a portion of the delivery
catheter distal portion encapsulates at least a portion of the stent; and

heating at least the portion of the delivery catheter distal portion encapsulating the portion
of the stent.

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